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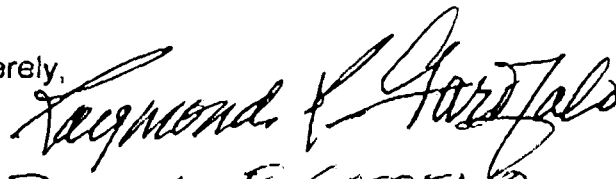
Dear Mr. Ashcroft:

I want to express my support of the settlement reached between Microsoft and the Department of Justice. I do not believe the anti-trust case against Microsoft had any merit in the first place. Yet, I was pleased to hear that Microsoft and the Department of Justice had agreed to the terms of a settlement. I urge the Justice Department to enact the settlement this month.

The proposed settlement contains many stipulations that will benefit the IT industry. Microsoft has agreed to disclose the protocols and interfaces of its Windows system, which provides for the development of new software. This new software should be more compatible with the Windows system. Competing developers will clearly benefit from the disclosure of this information.

Finally, everyone will benefit from this settlement. Microsoft will be allowed to return its full focus to business, and technology companies will benefit from the increased confidence in the sector. For these reasons, and many more, the Justice Department must enact the settlement.

Sincerely,


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